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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9 through 11, 14 through 22 and 24 remain in this application. Claims 9, 22 and 24 are amended.

Applicants' representative hereby thanks the Examiner for the telephone discussion of February 9, 2006, about the pending claims of the present application. In accordance with the agreement reached between Applicants' representative and the Examiner, independent claims 9, 22 and 24 are amended to provide that the lock box receives, stores and communicates information about real estate property and controls access to the real estate property by providing a key. Referring to the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13, of the specification, the key may be a traditional mechanical key or any type of device capable of providing access through one or more entry ways at the property. The electronic lock box, including the key, may be all electronic. As a result, independent claims 9, 22 and 24 are in condition for allowance, and claims 10, 11 and 14 through 21, which depend from independent claims 9, 22 and 24, are also in condition for allowance. In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections of claims 9 through 11, 14 through 22 and 24 are respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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